

*HARA et al.*  
*Application No. 09/873,406*  
*September 29, 2003*

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Currently, claims 2-7 and 14-27 are pending in this application. Claims 2-7 and 14-18 were previously indicated as being allowable in the Notice of Allowance mailed June 7, 2003. This Preliminary Amendment and RCE are being filed to add new claims 19-27.

Applicant believes that this entire application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice to this effect. If the Examiner has any questions or believes that an interview would further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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